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Memorandum

TO: David Littell, Commissioner
FROM: Jim Brooks, Bureau Director
RE: ARRA: Diesel Emission Reduction (DERA)
DATE: March 9, 2009

DEP immediately filed notice with EPA confirming that Maine is seeking DERA monies. If all 50 states and DC indicate intent to apply, Maine will receive approximately \$1.7 million; if fewer states participate, the share will be higher.

In any event, by late March we expect EPA to require a work plan detailing use of the funds, and DEP has already identified categories of projects based on Department outreach and applicant expressed interest.

DEP has worked closely with DOT in constructing the list as some DOT ferries and port operating equipment can benefit from rebuilding engines to make them much cleaner. The categories of clean diesel projects identified include:

- low interest loan money for diesel truck alternative power units through the program the Governor initiated last fall with FAME, PUC and DEP;
- repowering state ferries;
- repowering fishing vessels;
- replacing diesel school buses with propane;
- replacing school bus heaters;
- municipal fleet retrofits; and
- retrofits of port operating equipment.

As with other sections of ARRA, the DERA provisions require the promotion of economic recovery as well as preserving/creating jobs. We are on schedule to meet EPA's draft guidelines and receive this funding in April.

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